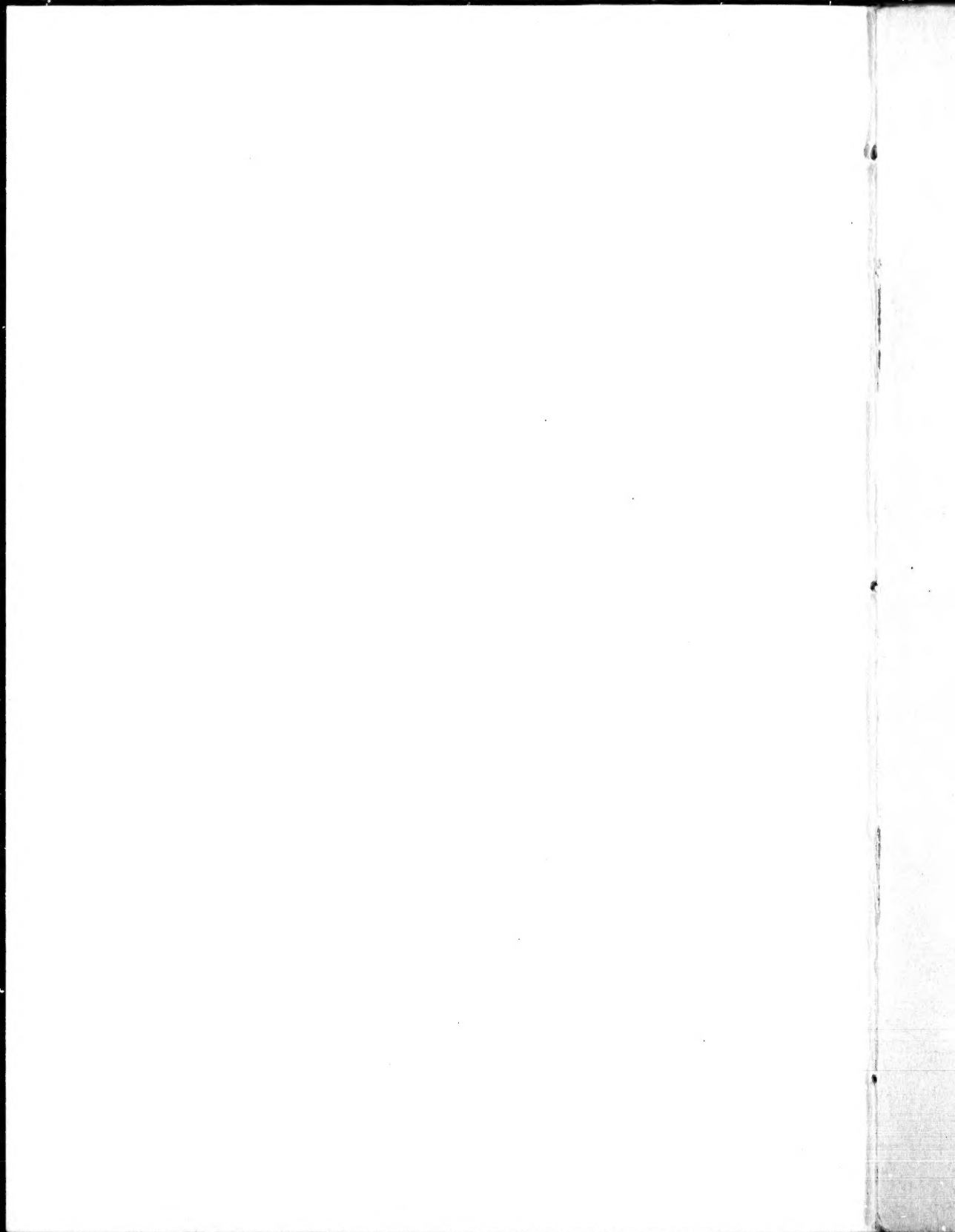




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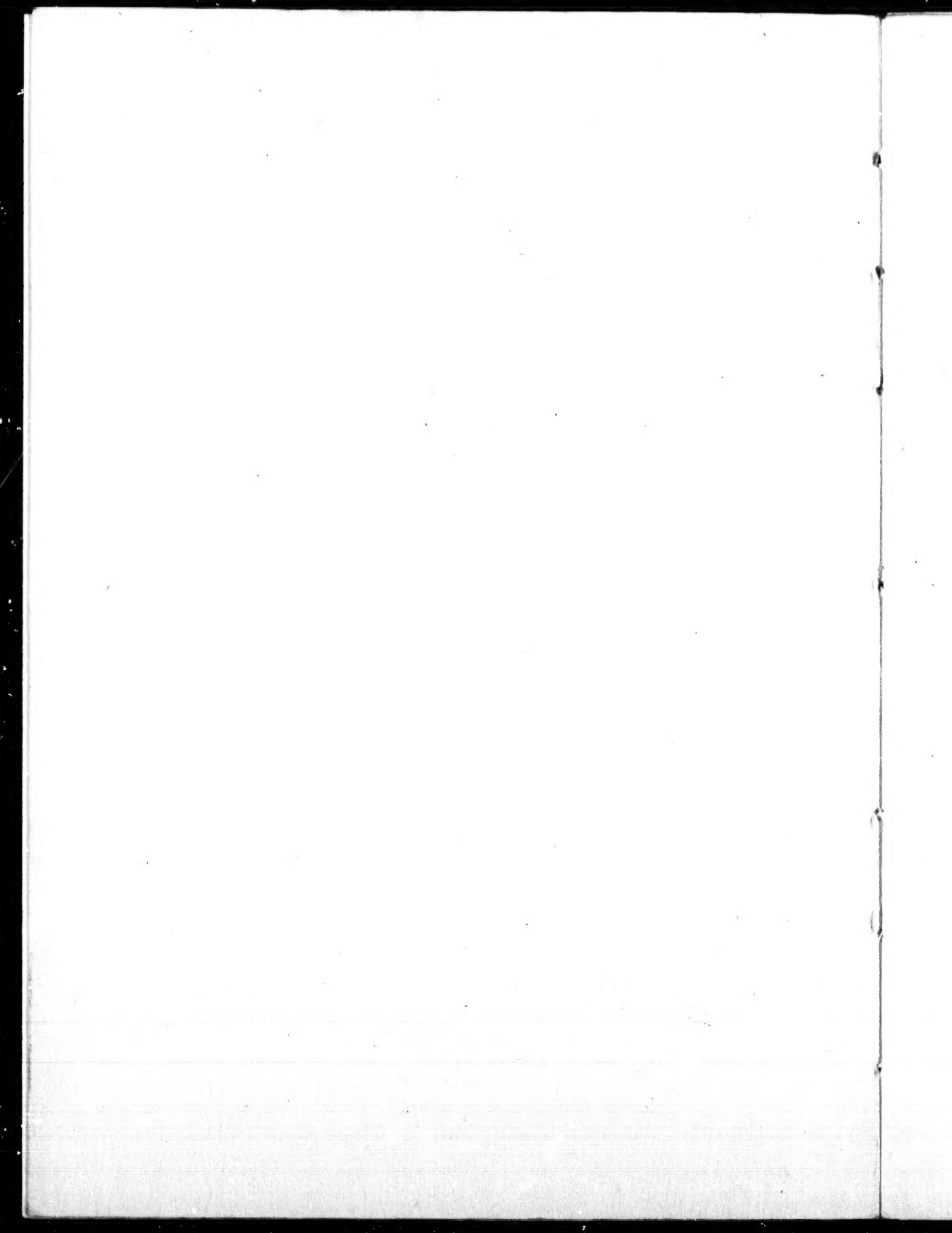
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MY DEAR FRIENDS :—

We have met to manifest our sympathy with the mourners here. For this purpose we have left our various homes and our various occupations. And we have done this willingly, in accordance with the injunction inspired by the Holy Ghost, that we should weep with those who weep, as well as rejoice with those who rejoice.

It is a great loss that has been sustained by the bereaved family. The beloved mother, long the centre of love, and interest, and thoughtful solicitude to so large a circle, has been taken away. Those of us who have known her longest can tell best what she was in all the various relations of life.

We have known her as the head of a household, over which she presided with a sweet graciousness which lent a double value to the welcome which she ever gave to the many friends visiting her.

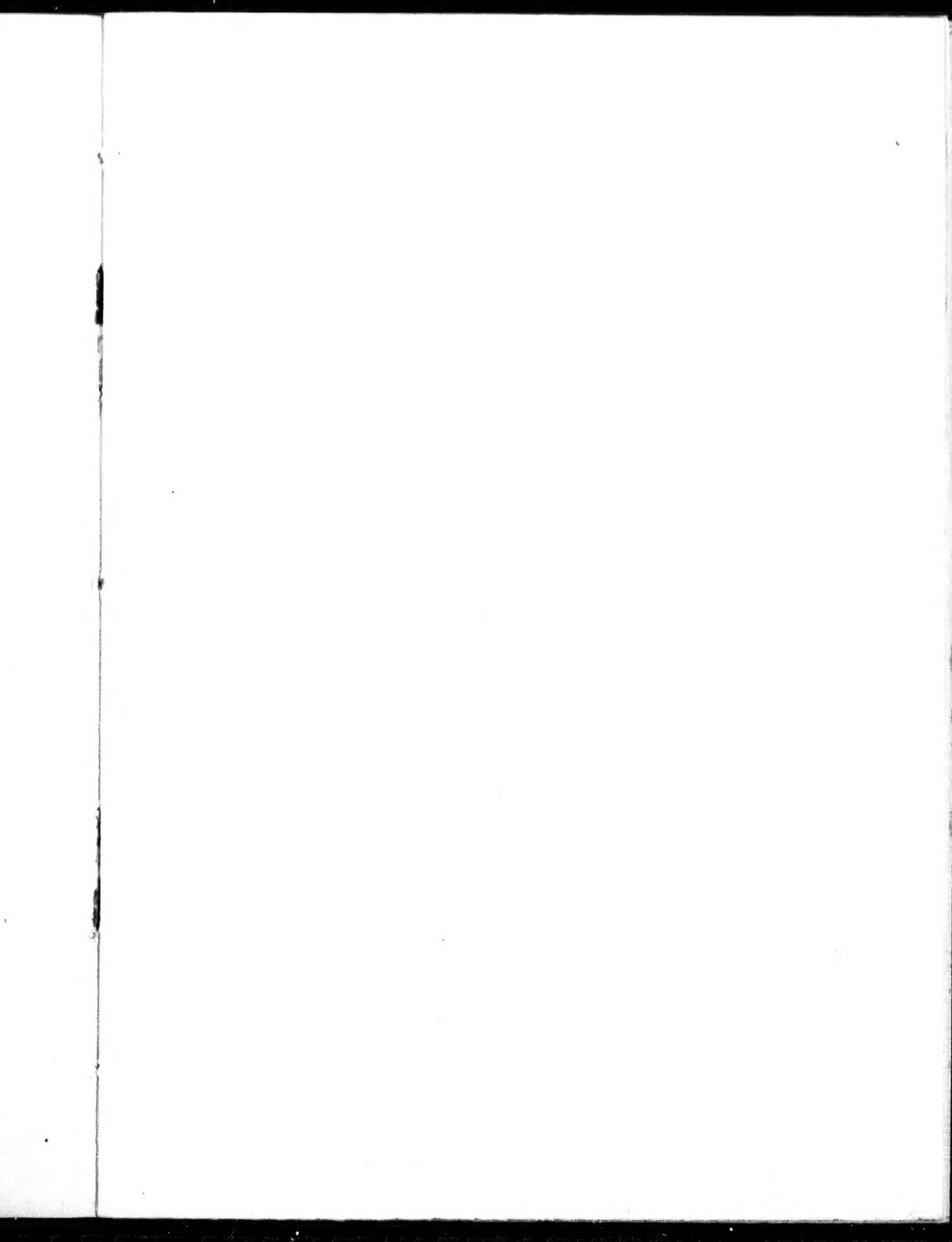
As a faithful and loyal member, long of St. Andrew's, and in later years of Stewarton Church, in both of which cherished associations gather

about her name, and ample testimony is borne to her liberal help, and her unfailing interest in their welfare.

As the sympathetic friend of the poor and needy, to whom her heart and hand were always open, and to whom her aid was always readily extended.

As a generous and cheerful giver to public charities for the relief of the suffering, and the shelter of the homeless, for whom, even after she was unable to visit them, she never ceased to care, and as a helper in every good work which it was in her power to promote.

We have known her in times of joy, in which she gladly and gratefully recognized the hand of Him from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift. We have known her in days of sadness, when mourning the loss of a promising son taken away in boyhood, and of a lovely daughter who departed this life in her early prime, then of a loving husband, to whom she had been so true a helpmeet, and then of other dear members of her family, of whom we cannot now speak. But with her, as all who knew her can say,



mourning was never murmuring. She was sustained by an abiding trust in her Father in Heaven. Taught by the spirit, she could always say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

And we have known her as a sufferer, long confined to the house, and to her chamber, by reason of her failing strength; often weak and weary, but always, like herself, solicitous for the comfort of those who so willingly ministered to her wants, and ready with a word of cheer for them. For the expression of her need and for the utterance of her gratitude, she found words in the Psalms, in which she had special delight; telling of Him who, "like as a father pitieth his children, pitieth them that fear Him." And her faith was in Jesus as the only and sufficient Saviour.

So now when met to carry away her mortal remains to the last resting place, we are "not sorrowing as those who have no hope," but remembering that "as Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Those who are left to mourn have in the remembrance of her who has been taken from them what they may well cherish

as a precious legacy : in the memory of her faithful instructions, and loving admonitions, of her “ways that were in Christ,” of the example of her whole life. “Her children arise and call her blessed.” And they can hear the “voice from Heaven, saying, ‘Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.’ Those of whom the Voice thus speaks depart “to be with Christ, which is far better.” And mourners in this home, and everywhere, who have loved ones that have “died in the Lord,” may with hope and joy anticipate the day of reunion when our returning Lord shall come, in fulfilment of the precious word, to gather His people to Himself, “that where He is there they may be also.” “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the tramp of God ; and the dead in Christ shall rise first ; then we which are alive, and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, and meet the Lord in the air ; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

